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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

Castleberry Boys Soccer Season Comes to an End



Junior **Esteban Mercado** (#7) maneuvers against two Ram defenders.



CHS senior **Diego Rivera** (#10) on the move.



Junior **Kevin Aguilar** (#3) lines up a shot against Mineral Wells goalie.

The Castleberry High School boys soccer team had advanced to the fourth round of the 4A UIL playoffs. On Tuesday, April 6 they played Mineral Wells with the winner going to the final four. The game was played on a very windy evening at Brewer Stadium. Unfortunately for our Lions, their incredibly successful season ended in a 3-2 loss to the Rams.

The wind was in favor of Mineral Wells during the first half of this contest. The first five minutes were controlled by the Rams. However, despite the strong wind in their face, the Lions took control offensively for about 10 minutes. Castleberry got four shots on goal during this time. However, their best opportunity to score came at the 33:00-minute mark when they had the ball right in front of the Rams net but failed to get a shot attempt on the goal.

In a very short span of a little over four minutes, Mineral Wells

then scored two quick goals to take a 2-0 lead. Both goals came off of kicks that were initially blocked by the CHS goalie but then bounced back to another Ram who then kicked them in for the scores. Tough break for the Lions. The scores came at the 22:57 and 18:45 marks. The first half ended with the Lions trailing 2-0.

The Lions began the second half with the wind. However, it was the Rams who struck first like lightning in the second minute of action. One of the Rams managed to out run and push the Lion defender out of the way for a breakaway score at the 38:50 mark. This was a huge goal for the Rams, giving them a 3-0 lead and proved in the end to be the game winner.

Castleberry quickly responded to this score with a score of their own when junior Esteban Mercado placed a perfect header past the Rams goalie for a goal at the 36:35 mark. From this point on the Lions totally controlled the ball. (continued on page 2)

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CHS Soccer

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However, despite 15 shots on goal (from Mercado, Jesse Salas, and Fabian Chavez) the Lions could not find the net.

The Rams played very physical, sometimes coming close to crossing the line of what is acceptable. There were more than a few non-calls that puzzled and frustrated Lion fans in the stands. With 4:43 left in the game senior Adrian Cruz pulled the Lions to within one with a header into the net. The Lions got one last shot on goal at the 2:12 mark but Salas' kick was successfully defended by the Rams goalie.

The Lions season ended with a 3-2 loss, just two games shy of playing for the State Championship.

Castleberry finished the season 23-4-1. Last year's COVID shortened season they finished 19-1-2. Their two-year combined record is an unbelievable 42-5-3!

In 50 games, they have only lost five times. Congratulations to the coaching staff and players, and especially the 2021 seniors! THANKS LIONS!

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From the City of River Oaks

Early Voting for May 1 General Election Starts Monday

Early voting for the May 1 General Election to elect Council members for River Oaks City Council Place 2 and Place 4 will begin on Monday, April 19 and run through Tuesday, April 27.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held Monday through Friday, April 19 through April 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 24 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, April 26 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at River Oaks Annex (old Library), located at

4900 River Oaks Blvd. in River Oaks, or at Tarrant County Elections Center, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, 76111.

Election day is Saturday, May 1 and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 2 include: Dan Dagle, Steve Holland and Zachary Wheat.

Candidates that returned an application for Council Member, Place 4 include: Edmundo E. Guitierrez, Garrett Grissom, Yolie Rodriguez and Sherrie Uptmore Dast.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Send Us Your Bluebonnet Pictures!

It's that time of year again! Springtime in Texas means lovely fields showing off the Texas state flower!

Bluebonnet is a name given to any number of purple-flowered species of the genus *Lupinus* predominantly found in southwestern United States. The shape of the petals on the flower resembles the bonnet worn by pioneer women to shield them from the sun.

On March 7, 1901, *Lupinus sub-carnosus* became the only species of bluebonnet recognized as the state flower of Texas. In 1971, the Texas Legislature made any similar species of *Lupinus* that could be found in Texas the state flower.

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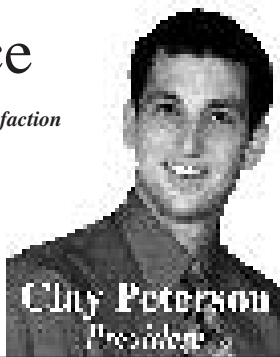
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From Castleberry ISD

Castleberry ISD Board of Education Candidate Forum

A Candidate Forum will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to meet incumbent Dewey Taliaferro, and candidates Ariela Martinez and candidate Arnulfo (Arnie) Martinez.

CISD parents, students and local residents are invited to come and get to know the three candidates who are running for Place 3 on the Castleberry ISD Board of Education.

This socially distanced event will take place in the Irma Marsh Middle School auditorium located at 415 Hagg Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76114.

[Click here](#) for more information about the CISD Board of Education.

From the City of River Oaks

Crud Mobile Coming To River Oaks

The Crud Mobile Event will be held on Saturday, May 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. This is your chance to dispose of your household hazardous materials. [Click here](#) for what to bring and not to bring.



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River Oaks City Council Candidate Forum Tonight

There will be a candidate forum on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Dr. in River Oaks. Attendees may ask questions and learn about the candidates who have returned applications to run for Place 2 and Place 4 on the River Oaks City Council.

A moderator and timekeeper will be present to manage the proceedings.

There will be limited seating, and social distancing requirements will be in place. Masks will be required whenever it is not feasible to maintain social distancing from persons not of the same household and will be made available to whomever does not have one.

This forum is not affiliated with or hosted by the City of River Oaks.

You may contact the Event Center by calling 817-732-5885.

From the City of River Oaks

April Is Warrant Fee Amnesty Month

During the month of April, the court will waive the \$50 warrant fee for each unpaid traffic citation if the delinquent balance is paid in full. Start your summer with a clean slate, this offer is available from April 1 through April 30.

Municipal court hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the courts at 817-626-1597.

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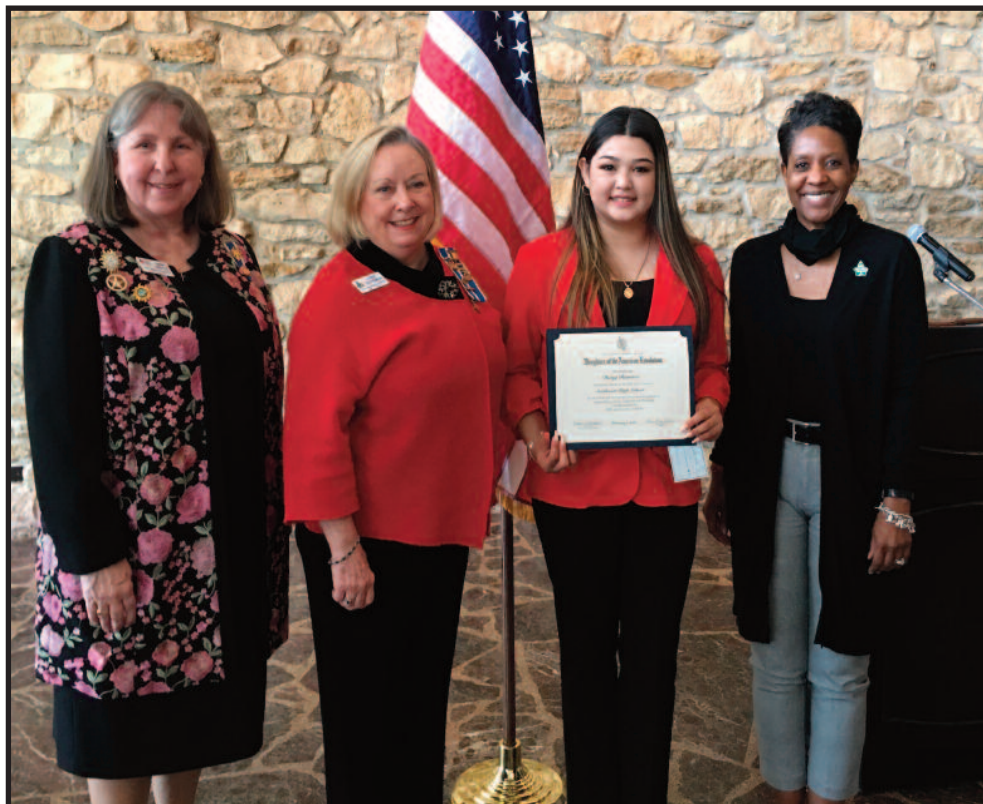
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From the Daughters of the American Revolution

Local Students Win DAR Essay Contest Awards

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presented awards to outstanding FWISD students in February at Ridgela Country Club in Fort Worth.

DAR Good Citizen Award winner **Daisy Ramirez**, a senior at Southwest High School, is pictured below with Chapter Regent **Dawn Needles**, DAR Good Citizen chapter chair **Cathy Schmersahl**, and her counselor **Nedra Simmons**.



American History fifth grade essay winner **Ava Lucille Little**, who attends Westpark Elementary, is pictured above with American History chapter chair **Pam Lea**, her parents **Ryan** and **Lacy Little**, and Regent **Dawn Needles**.


On This Day in History - April 15

• **1896** - first modern Summer Olympic Games close in Athens, Greece; USA wins 11 gold medals; Greece wins 46 total medals; IOC has retroactively assigned gold, silver and bronze medals to three best placed athletes in each event.

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American History sixth grade essay winner **Charlotte Woods**, a student at McLean Middle School, is pictured above with American History chair **Pam Lea**, Regent **Dawn Needles**, ELA teacher **Julie Lourcey**, and her parents **Alicia** and **Wilson Woods**.

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Author William Sydney Porter *by Dr. Ken Bridges*

He was best known for a short pen name, "O. Henry." The man behind the stories, William Sydney Porter, was a complicated character with a sharp imagination. Porter wrote hundreds of stories in his short career and became one of the best-known short story writers of the twentieth century.



Porter was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1862. His father was a doctor. His mother died of tuberculosis when he was a child. He showed a deep imagination and strong artistic talents as a child. He loved reading from an early age. As a teenager, he began working at his uncle's drugstore as a pharmacist and drew sketches of the customers in his spare time.

In 1882, he moved with a friend to South Texas to attempt to rehabilitate his shaky health. He worked for a time on a sheep ranch as a ranch hand and a cook. Two years later, he moved to Austin to work as a pharmacist. It was in Austin that Porter began writing. Initially, it was a hobby, but it gradually took up more and more of his time.

In 1887, he married and took up a new job. Porter worked for four years at the Texas General Land Office drawing maps and took a job as an accountant at an area bank in 1891. However, three years later, the bank came across several accounting errors, accused him of embezzlement, and fired him. At that point, he took up writing full time, publishing his own weekly humor magazine, *The Rolling Stone*. Though popular, the magazine failed within a year and Porter soon found work with *The Houston Post*.

Not long after the move to Houston, federal auditors charged him with embezzlement from his former bank job. He was arrested but released on bail. He soon fled to New Orleans where he continued to write and took up the pen name of O. Henry after a conversation with a friend. He then fled to Honduras but returned to the United States when his wife's health collapsed. His wife died within weeks of his arrival, and he was again arrested.

The trial was held in Austin, where he was sentenced to five years in prison in 1898. Ironically, the same courthouse today is owned by the University of Texas and has been rechristened O. Henry Hall.

He was released in 1901 for good behavior. In 1902, he

moved to New York where he landed a job writing weekly stories for *The New York World Sunday Magazine*. He would write more than 300 short stories between 1902 and his death, many known for a sudden, surprise twist at the end.

Perhaps his most famous story was "*The Gift of the Magi*," originally appearing in December 1905. It is the touching tale of a young couple in turn-of-the-century New York who want to get something special for each other for Christmas but have no money. Unbeknownst to each other, they give up something they prize to buy their gifts. The wife sells her luxuriant hair to afford a silver chain for her husband's pocket watch. The husband, however, had sold his watch to pay for jeweled hair combs for his wife which were so popular at that time. The story has since been retold many times and dramatized on screen in many forms.

Two other stories included "*The Caballero's Way*," (1907) which introduced The Cisco Kid, a character reproduced by many other authors; and "*The Ransom of Red Chief*," which appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1907 as the tale of two kidnappers who kidnap a rich, spoiled brat in hopes of ransom but end up paying the father to take the incorrigible child back.

His heavy drinking steadily took its toll on him. It cost him his marriage. His second wife left him in 1909. He descended further into the bottle and died in 1910 at age 47.

In spite of his sad end, he was praised in later years. Schools in Garland and Austin were named for him as well as in his native Greensboro. In 1918, the prestigious O. Henry Award was established in his memory for outstanding short story writers.

From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank Distribution Tomorrow

Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) has resumed their Mega Mobile Markets with a market on Friday, April 16 at Herman Clark Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. TAFB will continue to hold Mega Mobile Markets every Friday at Herman Clark Stadium until further notice.

These events are designed to serve all residents of the Tarrant area community who are in need of food assistance, and anyone whose access to nutritious food has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday, April 16 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Herman Clark Stadium, 5201 CA Roberson Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76119.

The House Fort Worth church is hosting a food drive this month; a ID/drivers license is required to participate:

Saturday, April 24 - 1 to 3 p.m. in the former Toys-R-Us parking lot, 7606 West Fwy., White Settlement, TX 76108.

How to Extend the Life of Your Used Car

In the market for a car? If you're planning on purchasing a used vehicle, you're in good company.

Nearly 70 percent of all car sales are used vehicles, likely due to the rising costs of new cars and the increasing quality of their used counterparts.

While previously owned vehicles make the best financial sense in a lot of cases, experts encourage motorists to keep a few things in mind.

For the safety of everyone sharing the road with you and to protect your purchase, it's important to stay up-to-date on car maintenance.

April is National Car Care Month and to help you extend the life of your used car, here are some tips to consider:

- Follow the maintenance recommendations of the manufacturer to keep it running as smoothly as possible. This includes filling your vehicle with the proper gas, and

using the proper oil per the manufacturer's recommendations.

- Prioritize preventive maintenance to avoid issues down the line. Pay special attention to noises or warning signs that could indicate your vehicle needs maintenance. Remember, warning lights on your dashboard are illuminated for a reason. Understand what they mean and address them as-needed.

- Keep the interior and exterior of your vehicle clean to prevent rust and other issues.

- Use only trusted repair services that hire Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)-certified technicians. This certification can make a big difference when it comes to quality repairs and maintenance.

- Complete as-needed or at a minimum, an annual inspection, on the vehicle. Keep in mind that different seasons of the year require different inspections and repairs.

- Use quality parts.
- When buying a vehicle, stick to retail dealers that put cars through a detailed inspection process to help ensure a given vehicle's safety and reliability. At the same time, consider dealers with an attached service department to help streamline maintenance and repairs.

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Friday, April 16:

AM - Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. East southeast wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph. Chance of precipitation 60%.

PM - A 30% chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, low around 50.



Saturday, April 17:

AM - A 30% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.

PM - A 20% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.



Sunday, April 18:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

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